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- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 launching an application;
3 tracking usage of said application so as to generate usage data;
4 accessing an update site;
5 transferring said usage data to said update site;
6 prioritizing updates at least in part as a function of said usage
7 data.

- 1 2. A method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising presenting
2 said list of updates to a user.

- 1 3. A method as recited in Claim 2 wherein said user selects one
2 or more of said updates for said application.

- 1 4. A method as recited in Claim 3 wherein said selected ones of
2 said updates are installed so as to modify said application.

- 1 5. A method as recited in Claim 1 wherein further development
2 of said application is directed in part as a function of said usage
3 data.

- 1 6. A software program set on computer readable media, said
2 software program set comprising:
3 a usage data evaluator for evaluating raw usage data received
4 from a user computer system regarding a version of a software
5 application installed thereon, said usage data evaluator providing
6 evaluated usage data; and
7 an update prioritizer for prioritizing updates available for said
8 version at least in part as a function of said evaluated usage data.

1 7. A software program set as recited in Claim 6 further
2 comprising a web interface for presenting said prioritized list to a
3 user of said user computer system.

1 8. A software program set as recited in Claim 6 wherein said
2 web interface presents said available updates in a list and specifies,
3 for at least some of said updates, advantages over said version of
4 said application.

1 9. A software program set as recited in Claim 6 further
2 comprising a usage-tracking module installed on said user computer
3 system.

1 10. A software program set as recited in Claim 9 wherein said
2 usage-tracking module is integrated with said version of said
3 application.